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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the QS University Rankings, 2014, no Indian University could find place in the top ten universities among the BRICS countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Yes, Madam. As per the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) University Rankings: BRICS 2014, no Indian university figure in the top 10 BRICS universities. However, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi stands at number 13 in the list.

(b): There are several international ranking systems, which use different values, indices and parameters to rank higher educational institutions. None of these systems are universally accepted and are always open to criticism. While figuring in the top universities among BRICS countries or the world may be a desirable objective, Government policy focuses not just on the qualitative aspects of higher education but access, equity and inclusion as well.